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MR. CHAIRMAN : No; the Hon. Minister has given full and complete facts, and I do not think any further facts would be given. I have passed on to the next question.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : You may pass on as you please, Sir.

(The hon. Member then left the House.)

Teachers' Service Register books

* 260 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Teachers' Service Register books are not available for sale at the Government Press; and

(*b*) if so, the step taken or proposed to be taken to make such books available?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir, the books are available.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that for some months these books were not available?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, it may be presumed that the books were out of stock for some time before 3rd April 1961, that is, at the time when the hon. Member gave notice of this question. Now, the matter has been rectified.

Activities of quacks

* 261 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Press Release was issued by the Government recently warning the public against the activities of quacks like astrologers, palmists, magicians, fortune-tellers; and

(*b*) if so, to place a copy on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A copy [a] is placed on the table of the House.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இவ்வாறு மக்களை ஏமாற்றும் இந்தப் போலிகளைக் கண்டுபிடித்து அவர்கள் மீது ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : அது எப்படி முடியும்? நாமும் சேர்ந்து ஏமாறும்போது எப்படி நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கிறது என்று தெரியவில்லை. எமாந்து போகவேண்டாமென்றுதான் சொல்ல முடியும்.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Has any specific case of quacks practising as or posing as Siddha Vaidhya experts or having Siddha Vaidhya research centres, etc., been brought to the notice of the Government?

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The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I cannot say what were the instances brought to the notice of the Government. But generally the matter was brought to our notice, and we thought that it was our duty to warn the public about this.

Sri M. PATANJALI SASTRI : Is it the considered opinion of the Government that all astrologers and palmists are quacks?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, some persons posing as magicians, astrologers and palmists have been cheating the public. This is no aspersion on real astrologers and real palmists but only the quacks who go about as experts and almost extort money from people, predicting all sorts of evil things and then saying that it should be possible to rectify them by poojas. This has reference to them.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : These persons advertise only in the dailies or weeklies. Will the Government direct the dailies or weeklies not to accept advertisements from these people?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Then it will be immediately said that the freedom of the Press is involved. After all, there are so many advertisements coming up. It only shows that we should not take these advertisements quite seriously.

Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Does this question involve Siddha Vaidhyas?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is no specific reference. But some pose as experts and dupe the public. In that way Siddha Vaidhyas come in.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT OF REMESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received a message from the Deputy Speaker, Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Madras Co-operative Societies Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1961), as passed by the Assembly on the 23rd August 1961, for the recommendations of the Council and certifying that the Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India.

III.—PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1961–62.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I rise to present the First Supplementary Estimates for the year 1961–62. The detailed explanatory statement of the demands for grants is placed on the table of the House. The total supplementary demand is for Rs. 67